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AIR FREIGHT UP 3.7% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 9, 1989 -- Air Freight increased 3.7 percent in September, compared with September a year ago, and was up 7.8 percent in the first nine months of this year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in September rose 2.7 percent. Mail increased 1.1 percent. Total cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 2.4 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in September was up 4.8 percent. Mail increased 0.9 percent, and total cargo rose 4.3 percent.

In the first nine months of this year, domestic air freight had a gain of 3.9 percent. Mail increased 1.4 percent, and total cargo was up 3.4 percent.

International air freight during the first nine months rose 12.0 percent. Mail increased 6.9 percent, and total cargo registered a 11.6 percent gain.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
SEPTEMBER 1989	417,520	103,803	521,323	432,261	33,656	465,917	849,781	987,240
SEPTEMBER 1988	406,644	102,694	509,338	412,636	33,965	446,601	819,280	955,939
PERCENT CHANGE	2.7	1.1	2.4	4.8	(0.9)	4.3	3.7	3.3
9 MONTHS 1989	3,664,661	958,007	4,622,668	3,686,145	332,559	4,018,704	7,350,806	8,641,372
9 MONTHS 1988	3,526,704	944,534	4,471,238	3,290,720	310,992	3,601,712	6,817,424	8,072,950
PERCENT CHANGE	3.9	1.4	3.4	12.0	6.9	11.6	7.8	7.0

1) Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

Note : USAir numbers include Piedmont, and Federal Express Numbers include Flying Tiger

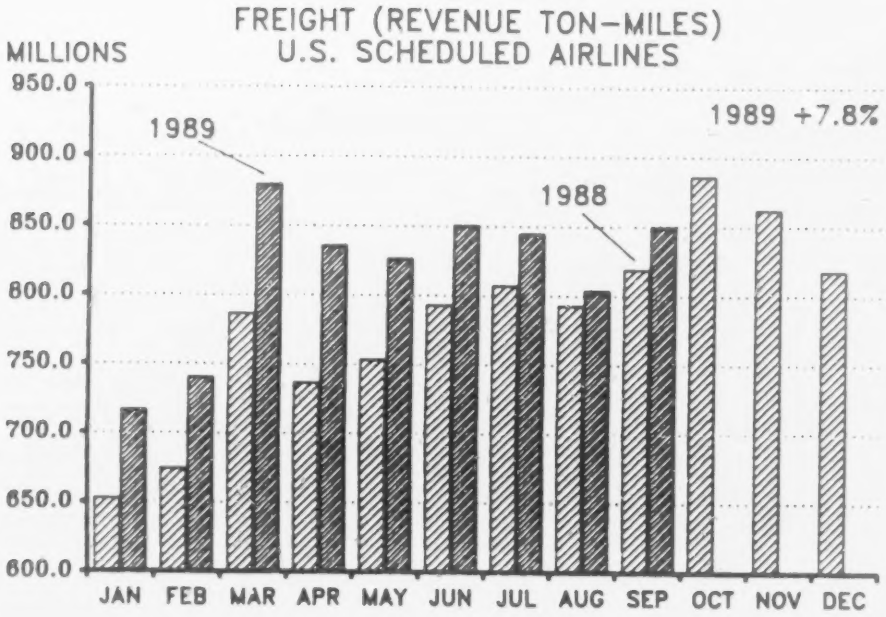
PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

MONTH	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1988			
January	653,081	141,615	794,696
February	674,497	135,320	809,817
March	786,758	155,271	942,029
April	737,067	143,765	880,832
May	753,553	135,530	889,083
June	792,976	137,107	930,083
July	807,344	134,294	941,638
August	792,868	135,965	928,833
September	819,280	136,659	955,939
October	886,087	145,731	1,031,818
November	862,383	153,766	1,016,149
December	818,063	223,079	1,041,142
TOTAL 1988	9,383,957	1,778,102	11,162,059
Jan - Sep 1988	6,817,424	1,255,526	8,072,950
1989			
January	717,113	142,837	859,950
February	740,617	136,199	876,816
March	880,084	165,357	1,045,441
April	835,996	148,309	984,305
May	826,787	141,189	967,976
June	850,778	140,874	991,652
July	845,746	131,442	977,188
August	803,904	146,900	950,804
September	849,781	137,459	987,240
TOTAL 1989	7,350,806	1,290,566	8,641,372

PERCENT CHANGE

	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1989/1988			
September	3.7	0.6	3.3
Jan - September	7.8	2.8	7.0


FREIGHT (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
950.0
900.0
850.0
800.0
750.0
700.0
650.0
600.0
1989
1989 +7.8%
1988
JAN
FEB
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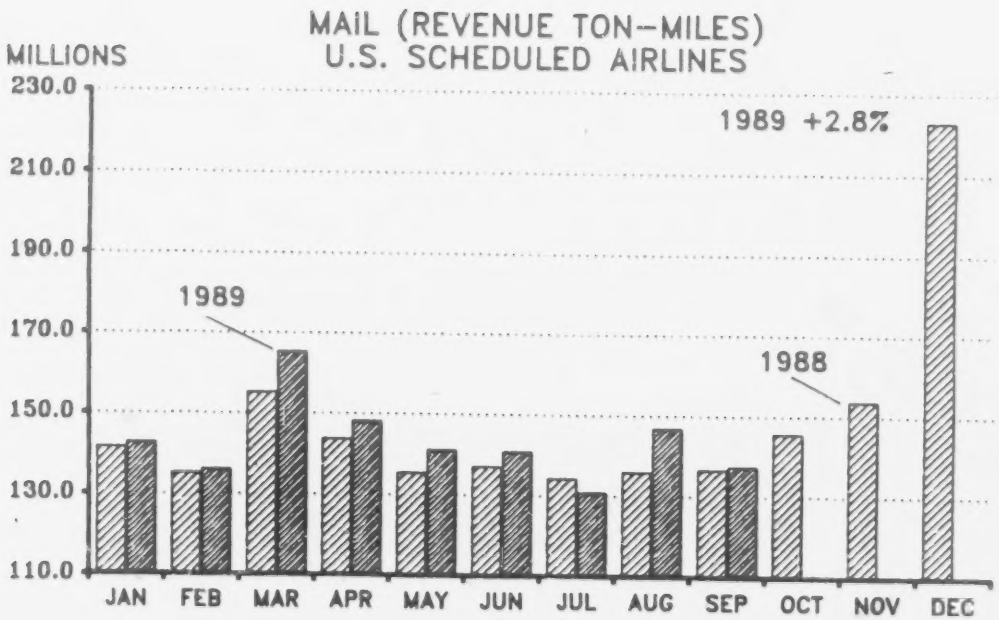
MAIL (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
230.0
210.0
190.0
170.0
150.0
130.0
110.0
1989 +2.8%
1989
1988
JAN
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUN
JUL
AUG
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OCT
NOV
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